

Housing Workgroup

November 3, 2016

Attendees: Don Watt, THDA
Jada Lattimore, THDA
Laura Alvarez, TDOC
Cayla Wilson, Park Center
Ken McKnight, Regional Housing Facilitator
Anne Cooper, ARCH, CoC
Melanie Cordell, Tennessee Valley, CoC
Jeanne Price, Regional Housing Facilitator
Tammy Lynn, Regional Housing Facilitator
Bob Currie, TDMHSAS
Jenifer Robl, TDMHSAS
Abigail Dowell, TDMHSAS

Notes and Action Steps:

Agenda Item	Notes	Action Item
Welcome and Introductions		
Implementation Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Update from Meeting: TDMHSAS updated workgroup on the publication of the homeless plan.<ul style="list-style-type: none">It has been approved for printing and should be available at the ICH meeting on November 29thThe website should also be available on this date and will contain a pdf version of the plan, contact information for each CoC, Contact information for each regional housing facilitator, and links to websites with pertinent information noted in the planDMHSAS's Communications Director is contact the Governor's office to discuss the possibility of a media event involving the Governor.The Communications Director will also be contact the other state departments to coordinate their communication and have their commissioners available.5-7 smaller events will occur across the state to publicize the plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">TDMHSAS moving plan publicity forward through the department's communications director. Will communicate dates for events as they are set.
Action Step Review and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3.1<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussed speaking at the Tennessee Association of Housing and Redevelopment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jada to complete the following: TAHR contact,

	<p>Authorities (TAHRA) spring conference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ April, 10-12: Jada to email contact regarding a slot for us ○ Consider also attending the TAHRA executive director meetings, which occur once a quarter ○ Research who currently has a homeless preference ○ Reach out to larger PHAs to discuss preference of vouchers and housing ○ Discussed THDA's preference process ○ Discussion involving the project basing some HCVs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ THDA is considering this option and creating a preference for runaway homeless youth ▪ MDHA has a project for veterans which turned HCVs into project based vouchers ▪ Importance of making sure PHAs are aware of development funding and timelines for applications ○ Discussed the importance of obtaining aggregate data from CoCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TDMHSAS are working to obtain aggregate data from CoCs and will work with the data workgroup on this process ▪ TDOC reported creating a new system to collect data ○ Discussed the potential of changing the Fair Market Rent amount for vouchers and the process to do so. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jada to contact Tasha LaSure of HUD who should be able to inform us on what it takes to make that change and who submitted requests for change recently <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ THDA reports that the director for TNHousingSearch.org has changed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Don will check with Lorrie regarding who the current best contact is for this ○ TDMHSAS will add the link to the website being created for the plan ○ TDMHSAS has heard from the regional housing facilitators and they are working to find more non-licensed low-income housing providers • 3.3 	<p>Real Estate Contacts, Tasha LeSure contact by nov 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don to discuss the following with Lorrie: TNHousingSearch.org contact, social impact bonds • Don to contact Donna Duarte regarding homeless preference for LIHTC • Laura to work with TDOC to link to THDA's website • Tammy to send website links of resources discussed during meeting by November 11 • Abigail to f/up with Carrie Brna regarding Vanderbilt study • TDMHSAS to f/up on the following: substance abuse faith-based program, add TNHousingSearch.org to plan website, f/up with DCS regarding faith-based worked and action step 8.3, TennCare regarding 4.2.1 and 4.2.3, CoCs regarding best practices for PHA homeless preference
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed a scoring preference on the LIHTC Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Don to discuss with Donna Duarte regarding help with this process ○ Discussed involving real estate groups in the local plan roll out events across the state <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jada to contact Debbie Reeves for contact information of real estate agents to invite ○ THDA reports a training on February 1 and 2 for ESG providers on rapid rehousing • 3.5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Laura to work with DOC to link to THDA website for assistance with ex-offender rights ○ THDA reports that there will be a funding announcement after the board meeting on November 15th • 4.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ THDA reports that they allow for sober living housing • 4.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed options for working with faith-based groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TDMHSAS to f/up with the director in the substance abuse office who oversees faith-based initiatives ▪ TDMHSAS to f/up with DCS regarding their faith-based initiative – website asking churches to put what they provide ▪ TDOC's Take 1 Initiative – Mentoring program that can tie in with religious and volunteer services ▪ Tammy Lynn to send some service sites that may be good to put on the plan website. Example, Suntopia • 4.2.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TDMHSAS to f/up with TennCare regarding expansion of certified peer specialists • 4.2.3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TDMHSAS to f/up with TennCare • 4.3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TDMHSAS and THDA will research social impact bonds and discuss prior to February Housing Workgroup meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Don to f/up with Lorrie ▪ Abigail to f/up with Carrie Brna of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDMHSAS and THDA to discuss social impact bonds
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	<p>TennCare regarding the Vanderbilt survey and social impact bonds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TDMHSAS to f/up with DCS regarding how we can support their efforts and obtain an update on their progress • 9.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will be collected with other aggregate data from CoCs • 1.1.3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TDMHSAS will f/up with CoCs at the next meeting and share best practices regarding housing and voucher preferences for homeless 	
<p>Workgroup Leadership and Process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-TDMHSAS Co-Leader Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information regarding expectations of a co-leader and the reasoning behind wanting a co-leader was provided. The listing of expectations is attached. ○ TDMHSAS requests that members of the workgroup consider their capacity to help lead the workgroup. The commitment expectation will be for 1 year. ○ TDMHSAS believes having a co-leader will create a greater sense of ownership from individuals outside of TDMHSAS and provide a path for sustainability of the ICH and workgroups even if TDMHSAS is unable to provide staff to continue in the leadership role. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attached the Co-leader expectations